character of coast at any part of the British Islands suggests to us its productions. Yet are there some species so far influenced by latitude, as not to be found further south than our more northern shores, and others again not further north than our more southern coasts: in such cases our shores are the extreme limits of the species in the respective directions. Further we need not here enter into this subject, but instead, call upon our author to give us all the information in his

power.

The 'History of British Sea-weeds' we can most faithfully recommend for its scientific, its pictorial, and its popular value. The professed botanist will find it a work of the highest character. Persons who have not commenced the study, or who desire merely to know the names and history of the lovely plants which they gather on the margin of the sea, will find in it when complete the faithful portraiture of every one of them. Those who have not that happy privilege, but in "close cities pent," or confined to the inland country, will have before them pictorial representations only less fresh and glowing than the beautiful originals; and those who merely desire what the French call a work of luxury for the drawing-room table, will, owing to the extreme variety and delicacy of form of the objects, combined with the most glowing colours, find that no work at the same cost is more attractive, or should be preferred before it.

PROCEEDINGS OF LEARNED SOCIETIES.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

November 25, 1845.—William Horton Lloyd, Esq., in the Chair.

A paper was read containing "Descriptions of fourteen new species of *Helix*, belonging to the collection of H. Cuming, Esq.," by Dr. L. Pfeiffer:—

1. Helix albocincta, Pfr. Hel. testd umbilicatd, orbiculato-convexd, tenuiusculd, supernè regulariter et confertim striatd, sericind, fulvo-corned, carinatd; spird depresso-conicd, apice obtuso; anfractibus 5½ convexis, carind albá cinctis, ultimo basi sublævigato, lineis subtilibus, concentricis notato; umbilico mediocri, pervio; aperturá obliqua, angulato-lunari; peristomate simplice, acuto.

Diam. 11, alt. 5 mill.

Collected by Mr. Cuming at Himamaylan, island of Negros.

2. Helix boholensis, Pfr. Hel. testá imperforatá, depressá, lenticulari, acutè carinatá, tenui, corneo-albidá; spirá convexiusculá; anfractibus 7 planulatis, regulariter confertim striatis, juxta carinam lineis 2 acutè elevatis approximatis cinctis, ultimo basi convexiusculo, striatulo, medio vix impresso, anticè non descendente; aperturá verticali, depressissimá, latè angulato-lunari; peristomate simplice, acuto, margine supero brevissimo.

Diam. 14, alt. 6 mill.

Var. minor, anfractibus $6\frac{1}{2}$. Diam. 10, alt. 4 mill. Collected by Mr. Cuming at Loboc, island of Bohol.

3. Helix cyathus, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, orbiculato-conicá, supernè arcuatim costulato-striatá, unicolore fuscá; spirá elevatá, obtusè conicá; suturá distinctá, crenulato-marginatá; anfractibus 6½ convexiusculis, ultimo carinato, basi sublævigato, planiusculo; umbilico magno, profundo, cyathiformi; aperturá subverticali, angulato-lunari; peristomate simplice, margine supero recto, basali arcuato, reflexiusculo, columellari breviter descendente.

Diam. 8, alt. $4\frac{1}{2}$ mill.

Collected by Mr. Cuming at S. Jaun, province of Cagayan, island of Luzon, on the leaves of trees.

4. Helix dubiosa, Pfr. Hel. testâ imperforată, depresso-globosâ, tenui, obsolete malleată, fulvă, fașciă suturali et area columellari nigro-rufis, fasciis plurimis angustis epidermidis hydrophane albide ornată; spiră subsemiglobosă; anfractibus 4 convexiusculis, celeriter accrescentibus; columellă intrante, planulată, declivi; apertură lunato-rotundată, intus margaritaceă; peristomate tenui, albo, late expanso, vix reflexiusculo, margine basali cum columellă angulum obsoletum formante.

Diam. 35, alt. 26 mill.

β. Fasciis 2 nigricantibus ad peripheriam.

Collected by Mr. Cuming on the island of Samar. This is the shell figured by Mr. Reeve under the name of *H. decipiens*, Sowerby (Conchologia Systematica, vol. ii. pl. 145. fig. 16); it is nearer allied to *H. mirabilis*, Fér., but may be distinguished as a good species.

5. Helix filocincta, Pfr. Hel. testâ perforată, depressă, tenui, pellucidă, corned, striatulă, nitidă; spiră parum elevată, obtusă; anfractibus 5½ convexiusculis, carinatis, ultimo basi convexo; carină filiformi, in anfractibus superioribus conspicud, sed non exsertă; apertură verticali, lunato-subauriformi; peristomate simplice, recto, margine columellari perobliquo, elongato, descendente, ad dextram subità ascendente.

Diam. 11, alt. $5\frac{1}{2}$ mill.

Collected by Mr. Cuming at Cagayan, province of Misamis, island of Mindanao.

6. Helix Gouldi, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, orbiculato-conicá, tenuiusculá, subtiliter striatulá, vix nitidulá, unicolore fuscá; spirá elevatá, conoideá; anfractibus 6 convexiusculis, ultimo carinato, anticè subrotundato, basi planiore; umbilico mediocri, pervio; aperturá lunato-orbiculari; peristomate simplice, marginibus subconniventibus, dextro recto, columellari subdilatato, patente, basali reflexiusculo.

Diam. $9\frac{1}{2}$, alt. 6 mill.

Collected by Mr. Cuming in the province of Laguna, island of Luzon, and on the island of Negros.

7. Helix orthostoma, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, depressá, supernè confertim subarcuato-striatá, tenui, pellucidá, pallide corneá; spirá vix elevatá, obtusá; anfractibus 6 angustis, convexiusculis, ultimo basi sublævigato; umbilico majusculo, cylindraceo; aperturá verticali, oblique lunari; peristomate simplice, acuto, margine supero brevi, basali valde arcuato, columellari dilatato, sinuato.

Diam. 10, alt. 5 mill.

Collected by Mr. Cuming at Dingle, island of Panay, under decayed leaves.

8. Helix strigilis, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, depressá, lenticulari, tenui, pellucidá, pallidè corneá, acutè carinatá; anfractibus 6 angustis, vix convexiusculis, supernè confertim costulato-striatis, lineis elevatis concentricis reticulatis, ultimo basi convexiore, lævigato, nitido; umbilico mediocri, cylindrico; aperturá subverticali, angulato-lunari; peristomate simplice, acuto, margine supero brevi, strictiusculo, basali valdè arcuato.

Diam. 12, alt. $5\frac{1}{2}$ mill.

Collected by Mr. Cuming at Himamaylan, island of Negros.

9. Helix conspersula, Pfr. Hel. testá imperforata, turbinatá, striatula, opaca, tenuiuscula, stramineá vel cinnamomeá, punctis albis confertissime conspersa; spira conoidea, apice obtusiusculo, nigricante; sutura mediocri, castaneo-marginata; anfractibus 6 convexiusculis, ultimo subangulato, basi planiusculo; columella obliqua, subarcuata, subexcavata, alba, castaneo-marginata; apertura ampla, lunato-ovali; peristomate simplice, breviter expanso.

Diam. $23\frac{1}{2}$, alt. 15 mill.

Hab. ——?

10. Helix Hartmanni, Pfr. Hel. testa umbilicată, depressa, subdiscoideă, acute carinată, arcuatim distincte striată, unicolore fuscă; spiră vix elată; sutură lineari; anfractibus 6 planulatis, ultimo non descendente, basi convexiusculo; umbilico magno, perspectivo; apertură depressă, securiformi; peristomate recto, margine supero simplice, antrorsum arcuato, basali subincrassato.

Diam. 26, alt. 8 mill.

Hab. ---?

11. Helix helicophantoides, Pfr. Hel. testa perforata, depressa, tenui, obliquè et confertim costulato-striata, straminea, rufo tessellata et strigata; spira planiuscula; anfractibus $3\frac{1}{2}$ vix convexiusculis, rapidè crescentibus, ultimo depresso; apertura perobliqua, ampla, subovali; peristomate simplice, acuto, marginibus approximatis, callo tenuissimo junctis.

Diam. maj. $4\frac{2}{3}$, alt. 2 mill. (Spec. max. coll. Cuming.)

Hab. Island of Juan Fernandez.

The shape of this shell is very like that of *Helicophanta rufa*. Perhaps it may belong to the same genus.

12. Helix marmorella, Pfr. Hel. testá perforatá, depressá, tenuissimá, distanter costulatá, pellucidá, stramineá, strigis obliquis et maculis rufis marmoratá; spirá planá; anfractibus 3 vix convexiusculis, rapidè accrescentibus, ultimo basi paulò convexiore; aperturá perobliquá, amplá, lunato-ovali; peristomate simplice, acuto, marginibus callo tenui junctis, supero antrorsum arcuato.

Diam. 7, alt. 3 mill.

Hab. Island of Juan Fernandez.

13. Helix Kingi, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, depressá, sub lente confertissime striatá, tenui, diaphand, stramined, rufo-flammulatá et 1-2-fasciatá; spirá depressá; anfractibus $5\frac{1}{2}$ convexiusculis, celeriter accrescentibus; umbilico majusculo, perspectivo; aperturá lunato-ovali; peristomate simplice, acuto, marginibus conniventibus, columellari subdilatato, patente.

Diam. 7, alt. 3 mill. (Spec. max. coll. Cuming.)

Hab. Island of Juan Fernandez.—An H. pusio, King?

14. Helix radiella, Pfr. Hel. testa umbilicata, depressa, sublenticulari, tenui, utrinque confertim costulata, corned, strigis crebris undatis, castaneis, ad peripheriam latioribus radiata; spira vix elevata; anfractibus 5½ convexiusculis, ultimo subangulato, basi planiusculo; umbilico mediocri, pervio; apertura subverticali, latè lunari; peristomate simplice, tenui.

Diam. $4\frac{3}{4}$, alt. $2\frac{1}{2}$ mill.

Collected by Mr. Cuming on the island of Opara.

A paper was also read containing "Descriptions of thirty-six new species of *Helix*, belonging to the collection of H. Cuming, Esq.," by Dr. L. Pfeiffer:—

1. Helix Incei, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, depresso-globosá, solidulá, striatâ, sub epidermide pallidè fulvá albá, fasciis angustis castaneis cingulatá; spirá elevatá, acutiusculá; anfractibus 7 vix convexiusculis, ultimo circa umbilicum mediocrem, pervium subcompresso; columellá arcuatá; aperturá perobliquá, lunato-ovali; peristomate albo, tenui, intus sublabiato, margine dextro vix expunso, basali reflexo, columellari in laminam triangularem dilatatá, umbilicum semitegente.

Diam. 38, alt. 28 mill.

β. Minor, epidermide castanea, fasciis indistinctis, anfractu ultimo basi flavo.

Diam. 32, alt. 21 mill.

From North Australia, collected by Lieut. Ince, R.N.

2. Helix Jonasi, Pfr. Hel. testá imperforata, globoso-conoideá, solidiusculá, lævigatá, non nitens, pallidè virescens; spirá obtusè conicá; anfractibus 5 convexiusculis, ultimo basi subplanato; columellá albá, obliquá; aperturá lunari; peristomate breviter incrassato, margine columellari subdilatato, adpresso.

Diam. 28, alt. 24 mill.

β. Tenuior, apice rubicundo, anfractu ultimo basi nigricante, fascia angusta, nigra ad suturam: H. dimera, Jonas.

From the Philippine Islands, Mindoro.

3. Helix Buschi, Pfr. Hel. testá imperforata, conico-globosá, solidiusculá, tenuiter striata, parùm nitidulá, citrina; spirá conoided, obtusiusculá; anfractibus 5½ convexiusculis, ultimo rotundato; columellá subobliquá, strictá, dilatata, albo-callosá; aperturá rotundato-lunari, intus nitidá, concolore; peristomate tenui, albo, breviter expanso, margine basali cum columellari angulum formante.

Diam. 23, alt. 23 mill.

From the island of Mindoro.

4. Helix pelodes, Pfr. Hel. testa umbilicata, subglobosa, tenuiuscula, striata et minute granulata, rubello-fusca; spira brevi, obtusiuscula; anfractibus 6 convexiusculis, ultimo inflato, antice breviter descendente; umbilico mediocri, pervio; apertura lunato-orbiculari, intus margaritacea; peristomate expanso, saturate carneo, margine columellari perdilatato, fornicatim reflexo.

Diam. 31, alt. 20 mill,

From the north coast of Australia: found under decayed leaves (Lieut. Ince, R.N.).

5. Helix Hartwegi, Pfr. Hel. testa umbilicata, depressa, carinata, solidula, striatula, fusca; spira vix elevata; anfractibus 5 planulatis, ultimo basi paulo convexiore, antice non descendente; umbilico angusto, pervio; apertura perobliqua, irregulariter subquadrata; peristomate albo, incrassato, breviter reflexo, marginibus callo junctis, dextro sinuoso, basali subrecto, dilatato, introrsum calloso, dente unico interposito.

Diam. 23, alt. 12 mill.

From El Catamaija, near Loxa, republic of the Equator (Hartweg).

6. Helix leptogramma, Pfr. Hel. testd umbilicatd, globosd, tenui striatd, lineis impressis, concentricis, confertis, sculptd, carneo-albidd, supernè fasciis 3-4 angustis, rufis ornatd; anfractibus $4\frac{1}{2}$ convexiusculis, ultimo inflato, anticè breviter descendente; aperturd vix obliqud, rotundato-lunari, intus concolore; peristomate albo, simplice, breviter expanso, marginibus callo tenuissimo diffuso junctis, columellari valdè dilatato, albo, nitido, reflexo, umbilicum angustum semioccultante.

Diam. 17, alt. 13 mill.

From Cygnet Bay, North Australia (Lieut. Ince, R.N.).

7. Helix Gilberti, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, depressá, distincte striatá, minutissime granulatá, tenui, pallide corneá, lineá rufá ad suturam cinctá; anfractibus $4\frac{1}{2}$ convexiusculis, ultimo basi convexo; umbilico mediocri, pervio; aperturá rotundato-lunari; peristomate simplice, recto, margine columellari parùm dilatato, reflexo.

Diam. 16, alt. 9 mill.

From Darling Downs, East Australia (Gilbert).

8. Helix Zonites, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, depressá, tenui, diaphand, confertim costulato-striatá, lutescenti-corned; spirá vix clatá; anfractibus 6 convexiusculis, regulariter accrescentibus, ultimo supra medium lined rufá, ad apicem usque conspicuá ornato, basi læviore, subplanulato; umbilico mediocri, pervio; aperturá depressá, oblique lunato-ovali; intus margaritaceá; peristomate simplice, recto, margine columellari breviter patente.

Diam. 25, alt. 12½ mill.

Hab. Unknown.

9. Helix Griffithi, Pfr. Hel. testa umbilicata, globoso-depressa, solidiuscula, lævigata, supernè leviter striatula, corneo-lutescente; spira breviter elevata, conoided; anfractibus 6 convexiusculis, ul-

timo ad suturam castaneo-marginato, ventroso; umbilico mediocri, pervio; aperturá vix obliquá, amplá, rotundato-lunari, intus margaritaceá; peristomate simplice, acuto, marginibus callo tenuissimo junctis, columellari breviter patente.

Diam. 26, alt. 14 mill. Locality unknown.

10. Helix Kochi, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicata, globoso-depressa, solidulá, oblique distincte striata, albida, fasciis pluribus rufis ad peripheriam ornata; spira parum elevata, obtusiuscula; anfractibus 6 convexis, sensim accrescentibus, ultimo subcylindrico; umbilico magno, pervio; aperturá lunato-orbiculari, intus concolore, nitida; peristomate simplice, acuto, marginibus conniventibus, dextro antrorsum arcuato, columellari dilatato, patente.

Diam. 30, alt. 16 mill. Locality unknown.

11. Helix variolosa, Pfr. Hel. testa perforata, depressa, acutè carinata, solidula, opaca, lutescente, supernè confertissimè plicata, lineisque concentricis irregulariter decussata, pustulis albis subfasciatim obsita; spira planiuscula; anfractibus $3\frac{1}{2}$ vix convexiusculis, rapidè crescentibus, ultimo basi convexo, infra carinam compresso; columella brevi, verticali; apertura latè securiformi; peristomate simplice, acuto, margine columellari breviter reflexo.

Diam. 23, alt. 10 mill. Locality unknown.

12. Helix induta, Pfr. Hel. testá perforata, lenticulari, acutè carinata, solida, supernè confertim plicato-striata, lineis confertis concentricis decussata, subtùs striata, spadiced, basi pallescente, circa perforationem castaneo-areolata, epidermide tenuissima corneo-grisea undique induta; anfractibus 5 planis, sensim accrescentibus; apertura subrhombea; peristomate simplice, margine columellari vix reflexiusculo.

Diam. 21, alt. 11 mill. Locality unknown.

13. Helix bilineata, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, depressa, tenui, nitida, pellucida, lævigata, lutescenti-cornea; spirá planiuscula; suturá striolata; anfractibus 5 vix convexiusculis, regulariter crescentibus, ultimo subdepresso, lineis 2 castaneis, altera supra peripheriam, altera suturali ad apicem usque conspicua ornato; umbilico angusto; apertura oblique lunari; peristomate simplice, acuto, margine columellari brevissime reflexo.

Diam. 15, alt. 7 mill. Locality unknown.

14. Helix Belcheri, Pfr. Hel. testá late umbilicatá, depressá, tenui, diaphaná, superne confertim costulato-striatá, subtùs sublævigatá, nitidá, concolore corneo-cereá; spirá vix convexá; anfractibus 5 vix convexiusculis, ultimo basi subplanulato; aperturá obliquá, lunato-ovali; peristomate simplice.

Diam. $8\frac{1}{3}$, alt. 4 mill.

Locality unknown. Brought by the 'Sulphur,' Capt. Belcher.

15. Helix ceratodes, Pfr. Hel. testá subperforata, globosodepressá, tenui, minutè striata, nitidula, pellucida, cornea; spirá paràm elevatá; anfractibus 5 subplanulatis, celeriter crescentibus, ultimo subdepresso; aperturá ampla, obliquè lunari; peristomate simplice, acuto, margine columellari breviter reflexiusculo, perforationem ferè occultante.

Diam. $16\frac{1}{2}$, alt. 9 mill.

Collected on the islands of Luzon and Mindoro, by H. Cuming, Esq.

16. Helix splendidua, Pfr. Hel. testa late umbilicata, depressissima, pallide olivaceo-cornea, nitida, striatula, lineis concentricis, magis minusve distinctis obsolete reticulata; spira plana; sutura profunda; anfractibus 3½ subplanulatis, celeriter crescentibus, ultimo lato; umbilico lato, perspectivo; apertura obliqua, lunato-ovali; peristomate simplice, acuto, marginibus conniventibus, dextro oblique descendente, antrorsum subarcuato.

Diam. $8\frac{1}{2}$, alt. $3\frac{1}{3}$ mill.

Hab. East Australia, near Torres Strait (Lieut. Ince, R.N.).

17. Helix papillata, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, depressá, subdiscoideá, solidiusculá, irregulariter striatá, opacá, albidá, spadiceonebulosá, satúratiusque strigatá et maculatá; spirá planá, apice papillatim prominente; anfractibus 5 planiusculis, ultimo descendente, depresso-rotundato; umbilico angusto, pervio; aperturá obliquá, lunato-orbiculari; peristomate simplice, acuto, margine columellari vix dilatato.

Diam. 23, alt. 11 mill. Locality unknown.

18. Helix spirulata, Pfr. Hel. testá imperforata, depressá, lenticulari, subtilissimè striata, lineis elevatis concentricis utrinque notata, tenui, fulva, carinata; carina compressá, subexserta; spira paràm elevata; anfractibus 5 lente crescentibus, supra carinam convexiusculis, ultimo basi vix convexo, medio impresso; apertura depressa, subrhomboidea; peristomate simplice, acuto.

Diam. 9, alt. 4 mill.

Hab. Real Llejos, Central America; found on trunks of trees (Cuming).

19. Helix insculpta, Pfr. Hel. testá imperforatá, depressá, utrinque convexiusculá, acutè carinatá, solidulá, castaneá, supernè costulis confertis et lineá spirali, carinæ parallelá, insculptá; anfractibus 5 planulatis, ultimo basi lævigato, juxta carinam lineá impressá notato; columellá dente unico brevi, acuto, albo munitá; aperturá depressá, securiformi; peristomate simplice.

Diam. 8, alt. 4 mill. Locality unknown.

20. Helix sinaitensis, Pfr. Hel. testa umbilicata, orbiculatoconvexa, tenui, confertim striata, corned; spira convexa, obtusa; anfractibus 7 angustis, vix convexiusculis, carina filiformi cinctis, ultimo basi convexiore; umbilico lato, perspectivo; apertura rotundato-lunari; peristomate simplice, margine supero brevi, recto, basali valde arcuato, breviter reflexo.

Diam. 10, alt. 4 mill.

From Sinait, province of North Ilocos, isle of Luzon (Cuming).

21. Helix andicola, Pfr. Hel. testa umbilicata, depressa, tenui, undique granulata, opaca, corneo-albida, fasciis pluribus rufis interruptis, denticulatis vel maculoso-tessellatis tæniata, interstitiis rufo-flammulatis; spira plana; anfractibus 4 convexis, ultimo dilatato, rotundato; apertura rotundato-lunari; peristomate tenui, marginibus callo tenui junctis, supero breviter expanso, basali reflexiusculo, columellari dilatato, reflexo, umbilicum angustum semitegente.

Diam. 20, alt. 11 mill.

From the Eastern Cordilleras.

22. Helix hians, Pfr. Hel. testd subobtecte perforatâ, depressd, tenui, pellucidd, nitidiusculd, undique regulariter et confertim granulatd, pallide corned, strigis angustis, rufis, approximatis, undulatis, interdum ramosis, et ad suturam fascid pallida, maculis irregularibus rufis tessellatd ornatd; spird pland; anfractibus 4½ convexis, ultimo inflato, subcompresso, antice vix descendente; aperturd subobliqua, amplá, lunato-rotundatd, intus concolore; peristomate tenui, expanso, marginibus distantibus, supero expanso, basali breviter reflexo, columellari membranaceo-dilatato, fornicatim reflexo, perforationem tegente.

Diam. 25, alt. 12 mill.

Locality unknown.

23. Helix rectangula, Pfr. Hel. testá imperforatá, orbiculatoconicá, solidá, striatulá, griseo-stramineá, area basali, lineá suturali et fasciis latis castaneis ornatá; spirá elevatá, obtusá; anfractibus $6-6\frac{1}{2}$ convexiusculis, ultimo subrectangulè carinato, basi planiusculo, medio subexcavato; aperturá depressá, subtrapeziá, margine columellari incrassato, calloso-subunidentato.

Diam. 13, alt. 10 mill.

From the Marquesas islands (M. Rohr).

24. Helix Nystiana, Pfr. Hel. testá late umbilicatá, depressá, subdiscoided, tenui, sub lente minutissime granulato-striatá, haud nitente, pallide corned, fasciis angustis, rufis 3-4 circumdatá; spirá vix elevatá; anfractibus 4 convexis, ultimo antice subdeflexo, basi vix latiore; umbilico latissimo; aperturá perobliquá, suborbiculari; peristomate simplice, marginibus fere contiguis, supero recto, basali breviter reflexo.

Diam. 11, alt. 4 mill.

From Real Llejos, Central America (Cuming).

25. Helix nilagirica, Pfr. Hel. testá laté umbilicatá, depressá, discoided, striatá, corneo-albidá, lineá unicá rufá supra peripheriam cinctá; spirá planiusculá; anfractibus 5 convexiusculis, lenté accrescentibus, ultimo anticé abrupté deflexo; umbilico latissimo, anfractum penultimum laté monstrante, medio angusto, per-

vio; aperturá parvá, horizontali, rotundato-ovali; peristomate albo, sublabiato, reflexo, marginibus contiguis.

Diam. $14\frac{1}{2}$, alt. $5\frac{1}{2}$ mill.

From the Neelgherries, East Indies.

26. Helix tumida, Pfr. Hel. testá imperforatá, globosá, solidá, rugoso-striatá, nitidiusculá, sub epidermide sordidè viridi, saturatius radiatá albá; spirá parvulá, elevatá; anfractibus 5 tumidis, ultimo permagno; columellá subverticali, elongatá, basi subtortá, albo-callosá; aperturá amplá, lunato-rotundatá, intus cærulescente; peristomate simplice, recto, margine dextro arcuato, basali cum columellá angulum formante.

Diam. 27, alt. 21 mill. Locality unknown.

27. Helix caucasica, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, globoso-depressá, tenui, subtiliter rugoso-striatá, sub lente granulatá, corneo-albidá, pellucidá, fasciá latá, subopacá ad suturam, angustiore albá ad peripheriam ornatá; anfractibus 6 convexiusculis, ultimo anticè subdeflexo; aperturá lunato-rotundatá; peristomate acuto, expanso, intus callo albo, acuto labiato, margine columellari dilatato, umbilicum angustum, pervium semitegente.

Diam. 16, alt. 10 mill. From the Caucasus.

28. Helix knysnaensis, Pfr. Hel. testa umbilicata, globosa, solidiuscula, costulato-striata, sericina, corneo-olivacea; spirabrevi, obtusa; anfractibus 4 convexiusculis, ultimo inflato, basi sublævigato, nitidissimo; umbilico angusto, pervio; apertura rotundato-lunari, intus margaritacea; peristomate simplice, acuto, margine columellari superne dilatato, patente.

Diam. 24, alt. 16 mill.

From Knysna, Cape of Good Hope.

29. Helix Jenynsi, Pfr. Hel. testd subperforatd, turbiniformi, striatuld, tenui, nitidd, carinatd, lacted, supra carinam fusco-unifasciatd; spird brevi, conicd, acutd; anfractibus $5\frac{1}{2}$ vix convexiusculis, ultimo basi convexiore; aperturd angulato-lunari; peristomate simplice, acuto, margine columellari supernè reflexiusculo, perforationem ferè claudente.

Diam. 12, alt. $7\frac{1}{2}$ mill. Locality unknown.

30. Helix Bronni, Pfr. Hel. testa imperforata, semiglobosa, striatula, sub lente punctata, nitidula, castanea, apice obtuso pallida; anfractibus 5 convexiusculis, ultimo obsolete carinato, basi planiusculo, granulato, cærulescenti-albido, infra carinam fascia 1 castanea ornato, antice deflexo, profunde scrobiculato; apertura subhorizontali, elliptico-oblonga; peristomate late incrassato, marginibus callo tenui junctis, basali dilatato, reflexo, fusco-maculato, intus 4 dentato; dentibus 2 anticis majoribus, compressis, à margine remotis.

Diam. 25, alt. 15 mill.

From Jamaica; sent by Mr. Adams with H. sinuata, Born, to which it is nearly allied.

31. Helix ventrosula, Pfr. Hel. testá rimato-perforata, depresso-globosa, tenui, subtiliter striatá, pellucida, corneo-albida; spirâ vix elevatá; anfractibus 5½ vix convexiusculis, ultimo subitò deflexo, supernè subangulato, basi inflato, anticè gibbo et valdè constricto; apertura perobliqua, ringente; peristomate acuto, latè reflexo, marginibus vix conniventibus, laminas elevatas, in ventre anfractas penultimi angulatim junctas emittentibus, dextro lamina subperpendiculari dilatata, basali dentibus 2 acutis munito.

Diam. 13, alt. 7½ mill.

From Mexico (Hinds), and Texas (Sowerby).

32. Helix Hindsi, Pfr. Hel. testá umbilicatá, depressá, subtiliter striatá, corneo-lutescente, diaphaná, nitidá; spirá parúm elevatá; anfractibus 5 planiusculis, ultimo basi convexiore, antice superne deflexo, subtús constricto; umbilico angusto, pervio; aperturá perobliquá, lunari, ringente; peristomate breviter reflexo, marginibus conniventibus, callo triangulari, dentiformi, bicrure junctis, dextro lamellá subverticali, basali dentibus 2 acutis munito.

Diam. 8, alt. $4\frac{1}{2}$ mill.

From Mexico (Hinds), and Texas (Sowerby).

33. Helix Hedenborgi, Pfr. Hel. testâ subperforată, depressissimă, subdiscoideă, acute carinată, tenuiusculă, confertim rugosostriată, superne albido et fusco-variegată, basi subunicolore fuscescente; spiră vix elevată; anfractibus $5\frac{1}{2}$ planis, non exsertis, ultimo basi vix ventrosiore, antice non descendente; apertură depressă, angulato-lunari; peristomate tenui, marginibus subparallelis, supero recto, basali breviter reflexo, columellari vix dilatato, reflexo, adpresso.

Diam. 18, alt. 6 mill.

On cliffs at the river Baher el Killo, at the Road of Marc Aurel, Egypt (Dr. Hedenborg).

34. Helix platyodon, Pfr. Hel. testá imperforatá, depressoturbinatá, minutissimè granulato-striatá, albá, fasciis fuscis, alboguttatis ornatá; spirá elevatá, obtusiusculá; anfractibus 6 vix convexiusculis, ultimo basi subplanulato, anticè deflexo; aperturá perobliquá, lunato-ovali, intus albá; peristomate latè expanso, reflexo, marginibus callo albo junctis, columellari perdilatato, adpresso, dente lato compresso munito.

Diam. 30, alt. 19 mill. Locality unknown.

35. Helix retusa, Pfr. Hel. testă imperforată, subglobosă, apice retuso, tenui, lævigato, basi concentrice striolată, castaneo-fulvă, albo late strigată et flammulată, epidermide hydrophană, albidă, deciduâ partim indută, sursum pallescente, castaneo-fasciată; spiră brevi; anfractibus 4 convexiusculis, ultimo subangulato, vix descendente; columellă intrante, albă, superne dentato-dilatată; apertură rotundato-lunari, intus margaritaceă; peristomate late expanso.

Diam. 28, alt. 20 mill.

From the island of Samar; found on leaves of trees (H. Cuming).

36. Helix pratensis, Pfr. Hel. testa umbilicata, orbiculato-convexa, ruguloso-striata, albida, fasciis 2 castaneis cincta vel sub-unicolore; spira subelevata; anfractibus 6 convexiusculis, ultimo anticè vix descendente; umbilico mediocri, pervio; apertura rotundato-lunari; peristomate expanso, intus remotè albo-labiato, marginibus conniventibus, columellari subdilatato, patente.

Diam. 17 alt., $9\frac{1}{2}$ mill.

From the banks of the river Tortoom (As. Russ.); found in damp meadows.

December 9.—William Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

A paper was read containing "Descriptions, by Dr. L. Pfeiffer, of new species of Land-Shells from Jamaica, collected by Mr. Gosse."

1. Helix ptychodes, Pfr. Hel. testâ umbilicată, depressissimâ, discoided, tenuissimă, arcuato-plicată, sub epidermide tenui, fuscă, deciduă hyalină; spiră planiusculă; anfractibus $4\frac{1}{2}$ —5 planulatis, ultimo basi vix convexiore; umbilico mediocri; apertură perobliquă, amplă, angulato-lunari; peristomate simplice, acuto.

Diam. $10\frac{1}{3}$, alt. $3\frac{1}{3}$ mill.

2. Bulimus Gossei, Pfr. Bul. testá rimatá, turrito-cylindraceá, obliquè costulatá, albidá, opacá, strigis semilunaribus, punctisque pellucidis corneis ornatá; spirá cylindraceá, apice attenuato, acuto; suturá crenulatá; anfractibus 11 convexis, ultimo $\frac{1}{4}$ longitudinis vix superante, rotundato, basi subangulato; aperturá suborbiculari; peristomate breviter expanso, marginibus approximatis, columellari reflexo, patente.

Long. 11, diam. 32 mill.

Nearly allied to Bul. unicarinatus and Bul. turricula.

3. Cylindrella Gossei, Pfr. Cyl. testá subcylindraced, sursum attenuatd, non truncatd, tenui, diaphaná, obliquè et arcuatim leviter costulatd, pallidè corned vel albidd; anfractibus 16 vix convexiusculis, ultimo basi acutè carinato, non protracto; aperturd oblongd, basi subangulatd; peristomate simplice, tenui, breviter expanso, marginibus vix junctis.

Long. 21, diam. 4 mill.

4. Glandina jamaicensis, Pfr. Gland. testd fusiformi-turritd, confertim et verticaliter costatd, nitidd, albidd, strigis raris rufis ornatd; spirâ turritd, acutiusculâ; suturd crenulatd, submarginatd; anfractibus 10 planiusculis, ultimo $\frac{1}{3}$ longitudinis subæquante, plurivaricoso, infra medium sublævigato, attenuato; columelld subrectd, basi obliquè truncatâ; aperturd angustá, semiovali.

Long. 22, diam. 7 mill.

5. GLANDINA CURVILABRIS, Pfr. Gland. testá oblongo-turritá, solidiusculá, confertissimè costulatá, diaphaná, nitidá, lutco-corneá, remotè albido-strigatá; spirá turritá; suturá marginatá; anfrac-Ann. & Mag. N. Hist. Vol. xvii. 2 H

tibus 8 planiusculis, ultimo $\frac{3}{4}$ longitudinis subæquante, anticè medio impresso; columella verticali, ad basin aperturæ abruptè truncata; apertura angusta, oblonga; peristomate albido-limbato, margine dextro antrorsum curvato.

Long. 16, diam. 5 mill.

6. Glandina arcuata, Pfr. Gland. testá fusiformi-turritd, tenuiusculd, nitidá, subarcuatim et confertim costulatá, succineo-flavidd, strigis angustis, remotis, arcuatis, rufis, pallidè marginatis ornatá; spirá subulatd, acutá; suturd crenulatd; anfractibus 9 planis, ultimo \(\frac{1}{3}\) longitudinis subæquante; columellá strictiusculá, breviter truncatá; aperturá oblongá; peristomate simplice.

Long. 13, diam. 3½ mill.

7. Achatina Adamsii, Pfr. (Bul. costulatus, Adams). Ach. testa fusiformi-turrita, longitudinaliter distinctè costata, inter costas basi anfractus ultimi evanescentes subtilissimè striata, cornea, strigis rufis irregulariter ornata; spira turrita, apice acuto; anfractibus 8 convexis, ultimo \frac{1}{3} longitudinis subæquante; columella subrecta, basi obliquè truncata; apertura subrhombea.

Long. 7, diam. $2\frac{1}{2}$ mill.

8. Achatina Gossei, Pfr. Ach. testá subulatá, tenui, diaphaná, cereá, remote costatá, inter costas in anfractibus ultimis deorsum obsolescentes subtilissime striatá; anfractibus 9—10 convexiusculis, ultimo ¼ longitudinis vix superante; columellá obliquá, basin aperturæ attingente, breviter truncatá; aperturâ angustá, oblongá; peristomate simplice, margine dextro deorsum dilatato.

Long. 12, diam. $2\frac{2}{3}$ mill.

9. Achatina aberrans, Pfr. Ach. testâ subulatâ, tenui, nitidă, lineis impressis longitudinalibus, regulariter distantibus notată, pallide succined, strigis rufulis, angustis, obliquis, sparsis ornată; spiră subulată, apice acutiusculo; sutură leviter crenulată; anfractibus 7 planiusculis, ultimo \(\frac{1}{3}\) longitudinis æquante; columellă callosă, torto-subtruncată; apertură oblongă; peristomate simplice.

Long. 7, diam. 2 mill.

This species belongs to a peculiar aberrant group of the genus Achatina, of which the type seems to be Ach. columnaris. The columella is not exactly truncated, but rather contorted, and forms a prominent angle, which appears similar to the truncated columella of the true Achatinas. To this same group may be referred another very distinct and beautiful species, collected by Mr. Lattre in Central America, and making, like all formerly described species, part of the rich collection of Mr. Cuming.

10. Achatina Lattrei, Pfr. Ach. testa glandiformi, lævissima, nitida, fulva, strigis castaneis leviter arcuatis irregulariter ornata; spira brevi, conoidea, acutiuscula; anfractibus 7 planis, ultimo \frac{3}{4} longitudinis ferè æquante; columella callosa, contorta, extus subtruncata; apertura angustissima, basi dilatata; peristomate simplice, obtuso, margine dextro antrorsum leviter arcuato.

Long. 38, diam. 14 mill.

A paper by Dr. Philippi was then read, containing "Descriptions of a new species of *Trochus*, and of eighteen new species of *Littorina*, in the collection of H. Cuming, Esq.":—

TROCHUS CUMINGII. Tr. testá latè conicá, umbilicatá, acutá, carneo-cinered; anfractibus convexiusculis, transversè striatis, et serie
triplici spinularum ornatis; spinis supremis solidis compressis,
medianis fornicatis majoribus, infimis fornicatis confertissimis;
aperturá suborbiculari, violacescente; margine umbilici acuto, prominente.

Altit. 8, diam. 8, altit. aperturæ $4\frac{3}{4}$ lin. Hab. Guimaras, insula Philippinarum.

This very interesting species was found on rocks at high water-mark; its operculum is orbicular, horny, and consists of 5-6 volutions.

1. LITTORINA LEMNISCATA. Lit. testá parvá, ovato-oblongá, nigrá, striis transversis et lineá triplici, elevatá, moniliformi sculptá; anfractibus planiusculis; basi nodulosá; aperturá spiram non æquante, nigrá, basi albo-fasciatá; columellá depressá, basi subeffusá.

Altit. $4\frac{1}{2}$, diam. 3, altit. aperturæ $2\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

Hab. Cuba?

2. Littorina aspera. Lit. testá oblongá, acutá, crassá, fuscescente, lineis nigricantibus longitudinalibus obliquis pictá, ad basin subangulatá; anfractibus parúm convexis, liris elevatis transversis sculptis; aperturá ovatá, fuscá, fasciis duabus albidis; labro intus albido, fusco-punctato.

Altit. 8, diam. $5\frac{1}{2}$, altit. aperturæ $4\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

Hab. Ad oram occidentalem Americae borealis (from Sitka, New Albion, found on rocks at low water by Mr. Barclay; from Mexico, found by Hegewisch; from Conchagua, province of San Salvador, Central America, Cuming). By the character of its aperture, this species belongs to the group of L. ziczac, L. zebra (Phasianella peruviana, Lamarck), and is easily distinguished from all allied species by its sculpture.

3. LITTORINA PICTA. Lit. testa parva, ovata, acuta, basi obscurè angulata, transversim striata; fascia ad partem superiorem anfractuum, aliaque ad basin albis, lineis fuscis longitudinalibus pictis; apertura semiorbiculari, fusca, basi albo-fasciata; columella satis compressa ferè rectilinea.

Altit. 4, diam. 3, altit. aperturæ $2\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

Hab. ad insulas Sandwich.

Var. β. Anfractibus supernè angulatis, parte mediand anfractús ultimi albido-marmoratá.

This species has nearly the shape and size of L. Basteroti (Turbo petræus, Turbo cærulescens, etc.), which I believe the true Turbo neritoides of Linnæus, and the colouring of the interrupted variety of L. ziczac.

4. LITTORINA PORCATA. Lit. testa parva, ovata, obtusiuscula, umbilicata, è cærulescente-albida, lineis elevatis distantibus porcata;

aperturá magná, ovatá, semiorbiculatá; faucibus fuscis, albo-bifasciatis; limbo labri albo.

Altit. 3, diam. $2\frac{1}{2}$, altit. aperturæ 2 lin.

Hab. ad insulas Gallapagos (on high exposed rocks); Cuming.

5. LITTORINA SITKANA. Lit. testá transversim ovatá, obtusiusculá, castaneá, transversim grossè sulcatá; anfractibus rotundatis, ultimo dilatato; aperturá ovatá, patulá; columellá albá, vix dilatatá, sulco umbilicari exaratá.

Altit. 6, diam. 6, altit. aperturæ $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Hab. ad Sitka, Nova Albion (on rocks, half-tide); collected by

Mr. Barclay.

Very nearly allied to L. groenlandica, but more depressed, blunt, the aperture more dilated. The elevated transverse lines are three in number on the upper volutions, about twelve on the last.

6. Littorina glabrata. Lit. testâ ovato-oblongă, acută, albidocarned, strigis pallide fuscis obliquis pictă; anfractibus parum convexis, lævibus, supremis sub lente lineis impressis 6-8 exaratis, ultimo basi angulato; aperturâ ovată, rufă; columellă depressă, violaceă.

Altit. $8\frac{1}{2}$, diam. 6, altit. aperturæ $4\frac{1}{2}$ -5 lin.

Hab. ad Payta Peru (on rocks, half-tide); Cuming. Ad Caput

Natale (Wahlberg).

Perhaps only a variety of L. obesa, Sow., though easily distinguished by the pale oblique longitudinal lines: very like L. ziczac, D'Orb. (non Chemn.)

7. Littorina lævis. Lit.testå ovato-oblongå, acutå, albidå, cinereo-marmoratå; anfractibus parùm convexis, lævissimis (sub lente fortiori vix tenuissimè striatis); ultimo basi obscurè angulato; apertura ovata, fusco-violacea, basi albido-fasciata; columella depressa, violacea.

Altit. $8\frac{1}{2}$, diam. 6, altit. aperturæ 5 lin.

Hab. Unknown.

This species scarcely differs, except in colouring, from L. obesa.

8. Littorina debilis. Lit. testá parvá, ovato-oblongá, acutá, tenui, cærulescente-albidá, interdum lineis obliquis pallidissime fuscis pictá, apice obscuro; anfractibus læviusculis (sub lente lineis confertis impressis sculptis), ultimo basi angulato; aperturá ovato-oblongá, rufá, basi productá et subangulatá; columellá parùm depressá, fuscescente.

Altit. $4\frac{1}{2}$, diam. 3, altit. aperturæ $2\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

Hab. Unknown.

A L. glabrata in miniature; it differs however essentially from that species by its aperture, which is produced into a distinct angle at the base.

9. LITTORINA SAYI. Lit. testá ovato-oblongá, acutá, solidiusculá, transversim multisulcatá, albá, punctis pallide rufis ornatá; spirá violacescente; anfractibus convexiusculis, suturá profundá divisis; aperturá ovato-orbiculari; columellá rufá; labro intus albo.

Altit. 9, diam. $6\frac{1}{2}$, altit. aperturæ 5 lin. Hab. ad Floridam (communicated by Say).

Very nearly allied to L. irrorata, but thinner, more slender, the aperture not narrowed, nor the outer lip mottled within.

10. Littorina modesta. Lit. testá ovato-oblongá, acutá, tenuius-culá, albidá, aut obsoletè rufo-punctatá, profundè transversim sulcatá; anfractibus convexiusculis, suturá profundá divisis, ultimo haud carinato; aperturá semiorbiculari, luteá vel fusco infumatá; columellá ferè rectilineá, dilatatá, depressá, infuscatá; anfractu ultimo ad columellam eroso.

Altit. 8, diam. 6, altit. aperturæ 5 lin.

Hab. ad Sitka, Nova Albion (on rocks, half-tide), Mr. Barclay; ad insulam Mauritii, Capt. Caldwell.

This species has the sculpture of L. aspera, the shape and colour

of L. Sayi.

11. Littorina intermedia. Lit. testá oblongo-conicá, basi ventricosá, tenui, varii coloris, lineis impressis circa 8 in anfractu penultimo exaratá, lævi; anfractibus convexis, ultimo rotundato haud carinato; aperturá ovatá; columellá albá vel violaceá, foveá exaratá.

Altit. 10, diam. $7\frac{1}{3}$, altit. aperturæ $5\frac{1}{3}$ lin. et minor.

Hab. Mare Rubrum, ad oram Natal; Swan Point, in Novâ Hollandiâ boreali; Jimamailan, in insula Negrorum; Tahiti; insula Eli-

sabeth in Oceano Pacifico (Cuming).

This species is intermediate between L. scabra (Helix scabra, L. not auct.) and L. angulifera, Lamk., not Quoy and Gaim.; it has the shape and colouring of the latter, which is easily known by its very numerous impressed spiral lines. With L. scabra it agrees in the number of the impressed lines, but differs by its smoothness to feeling and by the absence of the basal keel. This latter character distinguishes it from L. luteola, Q. et G., a species which, however, I have not seen in nature. It is very variable in colouring, and we may distinguish principally the following varieties:—

1. punctata, testà lutescente aut rufescente, lineis transversis fuscis irregulariter interruptis punctata.

2. articulata, testa interstitiis sulcorum regulariter albido et fusco

articulatis. (From Swan Point; only 6 lin. high.)

3. strigata, testá in fundo flavescente strigis latis, irregularibus nigris ornatá. (From Jimamailan; only 6 lin. high.)

12. Littorina conica. Lit. testá tenuissimá, oblongá, exactè conicá, basi carinatá, confertim et obsoletè transversim striatá, albidá, unicolore vel fusco pictá; aperturá ovatá, perobliquâ; columellá basi rectá, excavatá.

Altit. 10, diam. $7\frac{1}{2}$, altit. aperturæ 6 lin.

Hab. Insula Java.

13. LITTORINA TENUIS. Lit. testá ovato-oblongá, acutá, tenuissimá, tenuissimè transversim striatá, carneo-albidá, lineis angulatis rufis

pallidissimis picta; sutura sæpius infuscata; anfractibus planiusculis, ultimo basi rotundato, minimè angulato; apertura ovata, concolore; columella arcuata, vix compressa.

Altit. 7, diam. $4\frac{2}{3}$, altit. aperturæ $3\frac{2}{3}$.

Hab. Insula Ticao, Philippinarum (on rocks, high water; Cuming).

14. LITTORINA PALLESCENS. Lit. testá oblongá, subturritá, solidá, albidá; anfractibus convexiusculis, superioribus lineis impressis novem, ultimis lineis elevatis obtusis (circa quatuor in anfractu penultimo) sculptis; aperturá patulá, semiorbiculari; columellá brevi, compressá.

Altit. 10, diam. 7, altit. aperturæ $5\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

Hab. Insula Mindanao (Cagayan, province of Misamis, found

on mangrove-trees; Cuming).

This species differs from L. filosa, Sow., in being much more solid, in its broader and blunter elevated transverse lines and broad compressed columella.

15. Littorina Sieboldii. Lit. testá oblongá, subturritá, tenuiusculá, flavescente, subunicolore; anfractibus convexiusculis, supremis lineis impressis, inferioribus lineis elevatis confertis, acutiusculis (circa 9 in anfractu penultimo) sculptis; aperturá patulá, semiorbiculari; columellá compressá, subcanaliculatá, albá.

Altit. 13, diam. 8, altit. aperturæ 7 lin.

Hab. Japonia, Siebold.

Perhaps only a variety of L. scabra, from which it differs almost only in its high raised transverse ridges and very obscurely angulated base.

16. Littorina cingulata. Lit. testd oblongd, acutd, tenui, pallide grised, apice obscuro; anfractibus convexiusculis, suturd profundd divisis, sulcatis; ultimis cingulis elevatis croceis ornatis; basi haud carinatd; aperturd ovatd, patuld; columelld arcuatd, albd, haud compressd; faucibus albis, rufo-lineatis.

Altit. 9, diam. $6\frac{1}{2}$, altit. aperturæ $4\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

Hab. Ad oram borealem Novæ Hollandiæ (found on the mangrove-trees by I. E. Dring, Esq.).

17. Littorina sulculosa. Lit. testá oblongá, acutá, tenui, flavescente, fasciis transversis pallide fuscis pictá; anfractibus convexiusculis, suturá profundá divisis et sulcis 3-4 exaratis; ultimo subangulato; aperturá semiorbiculari, albá; faucibus fusco-fasciatis; columellá paràm arcuatá, compressiusculá.

Altit. $8\frac{1}{2}$, diam. $5\frac{1}{4}$, altit. aperturæ $4\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

Hab. in orâ boreali Novæ Hollandiæ (found on the mangrove-trees by I. E. Dring, Esq.).

The sculpture of this species is exactly like that of Trochus ros-

tratus, Gm.

18. Littorina? Aberrans. Lit. testâ elongată, subturrită, subperforată, tenui, obsolete striată, albidă; anfractibus rotundatis, suturâ profundă divisis, ultimo ventricoso; apertură patulă, orbiculari-ovatd, intus nigro-marginatâ; columelld brevi, tereti, extus reflexa.

Altit. 8, diam. 5, altit. aperturæ $3\frac{3}{4}$ lin.

Hab. Panama (found on the rocks, half-tide, Cuming).

This species differs by its aperture so much from the other species of *Littorina*, and so nearly resembles a *Bulimus*, that I am very doubtful whether it be placed in its right genus.

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January 22, 1846.—" On the Supra-renal, Thymus and Thyroid Bodies." By John Goodsir, Esq. Communicated by Richard Owen,

Esq., F.R.S. &c.

In this paper, the author enters on the development of the theory he advanced two years ago with regard to the origin and nature of the supra-renal, thymus and thyroid bodies, and the correctness of which, with certain modifications, he has been enabled to confirm by subsequent observation and reflection. His hypothesis was that the three organs in question are the remains of the blastoderma; the thyroid being the development of a portion of the original cellular substance of the germinal membrane grouped around the two branches of the omphalo-mesenteric vein; the supra-renal capsules, the developements of other portions grouped around the omphalomesenteric arteries; and the thymus, the development of the intermediate portion of the membrane arranged along the sides of the embryonic visceral cavity. He has since ascertained, however, that the thyroid body derives its origin in a portion of the included membrana intermedia remaining in connexion with anastomosing vessels between the first and second aortic arches, or carotid and subclavian vessels. He considers these organs as essentially similar in their structure, as well as in their origin in continuous portions of the blastoderma situated along each side of the spine, and extending from the Wolfian bodies to the base of the cranium: the developement of the supra-renal capsules having relation to the omphalomesenteric vessels; the thymus, to the jugular and cardinal veins and ductus Cuvieri; and the thyroid gland, to the anastomosing branches of the first and second aortic arches. The functions of these organs he regards as being analogous to those of the blastoderma; with this difference, however, that as the blastoderma not only elaborates nourishment for the embryo, but absorbs it also from without, that is, from the yolk, the developed organs only elaborate the matter which has already been absorbed by the other parts, and is now circulating in the vessels of the more perfect individual.

Feb. 5.—"On the Secretory Apparatus and Function of the Liver."
By C. Handfield Jones, M.D. Communicated by Sir Benjamin C.

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The author is led by his researches into the minute structure of the liver, to results which confirm the view of Mr. Bowman, in opposition to those of Mr. Kiernan on this subject; and particularly with regard to the absence of real tubercular ducts from the interior of the lobules. He concludes that the secreting process commences